Listen to a radio programme about a famous criminal called Ma Barker and her sons.

1. What does Martin suggest about the newspapers' coverage of famous criminals?

A. They sometimes published invented stories that contributed to the criminals' fame.

B. They focused mainly on the crimes committed by their families.

C. They avoided publishing information that could not be verified.

2. Why were these criminals compared to celebrities?

A. They were admired for their lifestyles and achievements.

B. Their personal lives attracted considerable public attention.

C. They frequently appeared in television programmes.

3. What can we infer about Ma Barker's attitude towards her sons' criminal activities?

A. She disapproved of their behaviour but continued supporting them.

B. She tried to protect them from the consequences of their actions.

C. She encouraged them to become independent of their father.

4. Why did George Barker eventually leave his family?

A. He disagreed with his wife's attitude towards their sons' criminal behaviour.

B. He wanted to prevent his sons from getting involved with the police.

C. He was unable to support his family financially.

5. What does Martin imply about the FBI's description of Ma Barker?

A. It was probably an exaggeration of her actual criminal involvement.

B. It was based on evidence that she had committed several murders.

C. It accurately described her role as the leader of a criminal gang.

6. Which statement best reflects Martin's final opinion of Ma Barker?

A. She was innocent because she never participated in her sons' crimes.

B. She was probably responsible for planning most of her sons' crimes.

C. She may not have committed crimes herself, but she helped her sons commit them.

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